GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2730
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2002
HAJ PILGRIMAGE BY SEA
PRAKASH V. PATIL

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received for allowing Haj pilgrimage through sea-route;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a & b) Yes, Sir. The Haj Committee, Mumbai, had received a representation through the Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee requesting Haj pilgrimage by sea.

(c) For logistical reasons, it was not possible to accede to this request.